

A3 9. (Amended) The roller chain according to claim 1, characterized in that the sealing ring (15) is connected with the adjacent inner tab (5) with torsional strength with the help of a cam (31). *amended*

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REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, a cross-reference to related applications has been inserted in page 1. Claims 3-6 and 8-9 have been amended so that the multiple dependency of these dependent claims has been removed to avoid the surcharge associated therewith, and an Abstract is being provided. No new matter has been introduced. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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EXHIBIT A

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE TO
CLAIMS 3-6 AND 8-9

3. The roller chain according to claim 1 [or 2], characterized in that the path of the lubricant leads from the radial branch (19) of the lubrication channel (18) of the bolt to the radial passage hole (21) of the sleeve (6) through a passage hole (20) of a sliding bush (8) unrotatably installed between the bolt (2) and the sleeve (6).

4. The roller chain according to [at least one of claims 1 to 3] claim 1, characterized in that balls serving as the inserts (25) are integrated in the sealing ring (15).

5. The roller chain according to [at least one of claims 1 to 4] claim 1, characterized in that provision is made for three, preferably four inserts (25) in each sealing ring (15).

6. The roller chain according to [at least one of claims 1 to 5] claim 1, characterized in that provision is made in the sealing ring (15) for two lubrication grooves (22) diametrically opposing each other.

8. The roller chain according to claim 6 [or 7], characterized in that the lubrication groove (22) generally leading radially outwards comprises a reversing barrier (28) in a ring area (30) located about axially above the (ring-shaped) interior (13) of the ball bearing.

9. The roller chain according to [at least one of claims 1 to 8] claim 1, characterized in that the sealing ring (15) is connected with the adjacent inner tab (5) with torsional strength with the help of a cam (31).